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REMARKS

The amendments and remarks presented herein are believed to be fully responsive to the recent Office Action. Reconsideration is requested.

Disposition of Claims.

Claims 1-21 are pending in the application. By this response, claims 3 and 9 are cancelled. Accordingly, claims 1, 2, 4-8 and 10-21 remain pending in the application.

Claim Rejection - 35 U.S.C. § 112.

Claims 14, 15 and 17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, for reasons that are set forth in the Office Action. The claims are amended in a manner which is believed to overcome the rejection. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Allowable Subject Matter.

Claims 20 and 21 are allowed. Claims 3-7 and 9-13 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim and would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 1 is amended by adding the subject matter of claim 9. Claims 2, 3 and 9 are cancelled. Claims 4-8 and 10-19 are dependent upon claim 1 as a base claim. Accordingly, it is submitted that claims 1, 4-8 and 10-19 are also in a condition for allowance.

Claim Rejection - 35 U.S.C. § 102 and § 103.

Claims 1, 2, 8, and 14-19 were rejected either under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by United States Patent 5,345,954 (Dall'osso et al.) or under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Dall'osso et al. The rejections are traversed. However, the rejections are moot in view of other actions taken as described above. Withdrawal of the rejections is requested.

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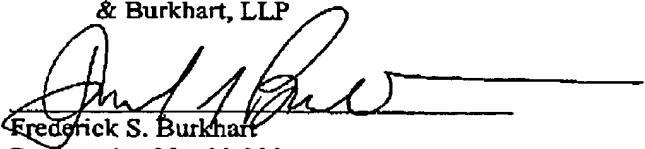
Issuance of a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

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